







## SHIPWRECK SEEN IN PRIZE PHOTO



This dramatic picture of the Peter Iredale, taken by Henry S. Steinbrugge, 3328 SE Claybourne street, won "Best in Show—Best in Black and White" awards in a national contest for U. S. Bureau of Public Road Employees. The exhibit is held in Washington, D. C. where Mrs. John T. Connor, wife of the U. S. Secretary of Commerce, presented the awards May 3. Mr. Steinbrugge received a \$25 U S. Savings Bond and two medals. It was the first time he had ever entered a contest.





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14th & Constitution Ave., N.W. Washington, D. C. 20230

May 9, 1966

Mr. Henry S. Steinbrugge  
Bureau of Public Roads  
Region 8 Office  
Portland, Oregon 97294

Dear Mr. Steinbrugge:

As the Public Roads representative on the Commerce Council, it was my pleasure and privilege to accept for you the prize for the "Best in Show - Black and White" at the 5th Annual Commerce Photographic Show. The ceremony was held May 3 in the main lobby of the Commerce Department building. Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Administration, Mr. David R. Baldwin, was master of ceremonies, and Mrs. John T. Connor, wife of the Secretary, presented the awards.

Enclosed is a \$25 U. S. Savings Bond. You will also receive two medals - one for "Best in Show - Black and White" and one for first place in the General Category of Black and White. However, an error was made in the engraving of your name so the medals had to be returned for correction. I will send these on to you as soon as they are returned to me from the engravers. If he has not already done so, Mr. Adler, who was the Public Roads' representative on the photographic committee, will return your photographs.

I would like to add my personal congratulations as well as on behalf of the Commerce Council. As you may know, the Council sponsored the photographic show.

Sincerely yours,

*Jean Mann*  
Jean R. Mann, President

Enclosure

# Henry S. Steinbrugge

March 14, 1922 – November 7, 2004

Henry “Hank” Steinbrugge was born in Tucson, Arizona and became an Oregon resident at the age of two when his family moved to Portland. He worked as a structural engineer in Oregon for his entire career and was very active in the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) and other professional and many civic organizations.

Following his World War II military service in the U.S. Army in Europe and in post-war Japan, he enrolled at Oregon State University earning a degree in civil engineering in 1948. Most of Hank’s career was with the Federal Highway Administration, Region 10, which covers Oregon, Washington, Idaho, and Alaska. He retired in 1981 as the Deputy Chief Regional Bridge Engineer. He participated in the planning and construction of the interstate freeway system from its earliest days.



Hank’s professional and civic contributions were very significant. He served as President of the Oregon Section of ASCE, was appointed by Governor McCall to be a member, then President, of the Oregon State Board of Engineering Examiners, served as Vice President for the Western Zone of the National Council of Engineering Examiners, was President of the Engineers and Architects Council of Oregon, and President of the Oregon Building Congress. In 1970, he served as General Chairman of the ASCE National Structural Meeting. He was named 1977 Federal Employee of the year for the Portland area. Hank was President of the Portland Toastmasters Club, and for many years was an active member of the East Portland Rotary Club. Developing leadership skills in his youth, he earned boy scouting’s highest rank of Eagle Scout at the age of 16.

In addition to his bridge engineering duties for the Federal Highway Administration, he served as the Regional Natural Disaster Coordinator. In this capacity, Hank helped organize the Federal Highway response to the Mt. St. Helens eruption in 1980. That work stirred a deep interest in the volcano. In the following years he gave dozens of presentations about the eruption before many different groups.

Hank was also a fine amateur photographer. He won awards for his 1955 black and white photo of the Peter Iredale shipwreck in a 1966 U.S. Department of Commerce photography contest.





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